

# MSFC Safety *Bulletin*

## Improper Disposal of Lit Cigarette Causes Fire

### What Happened?

- A small fire occurred at Building 4728.
- The fire was ignited by a lit cigarette butt discarded near an exterior stairway.
- The lit butt fell beneath the stairs, landing in a pile of dried leaves.
- The Redstone Fire Department fireman said, "Smokers are not using the cigarette butt container which is located less than 15 feet away."
- Pictures of cigarette butts found at this location are shown at right.
- Luckily, the fire was extinguished before the area suffered damage.



### What Can Be Done?

- The Redstone Fire Department reminds smokers to [use the cigarette butt containers](#) that MSFC provides.
- Cigarette butt containers should be used for disposal of butts, pipe tobacco, and matches ONLY. [Never dispose of paper and other combustible materials in these containers.](#)

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